

Dear Deborah,

Boston. April 8. 1839.

I wrote to you on Thursday evening last. Friday, I called in the forenoon at Channing. Mr. Collins took tea here. Henry & Maria had previously been invited to Ellis Gray Loring's to meet Mr Turnbull, & English man travelling in this country. I was at Cambridge when the invitation came, so I was not asked, but all advised me to take the liberty of going; so I went. The party consisted of Dr & Mrs Follen, Garrison, Mr Pierpont, Mr & Mrs Ripley, Miss Labor, Caroline Sturgis, Wendell & ourselves. & Mr Turnbull. It was a dreadfully stiff affair. All that could be got out of Turnbull was by the closest cross examining. He is one of the English abolitionists & has been travelling in the West Indies and the South; is a friend of W. Martin's, but is so stiff & reserved, but little can be made of him. There was great dragging, every where, though Mr Pierpont tried to do his best. We had a very magnificent supper viz. salads, oysters, cakes, pies, fruit, & cham pagne, besides a number sort of wines. There was so much champagne drunk as quite surprised me. But perhaps, I had better make some myself, for the room where we supped was so cold, that I took with a dreadful cold that on Saturday I could only speak in whisper. Geo Benson, Garrison & a Mr Noble, the author of Latone called for a few minutes Sat morning. After they had gone your letter came. Didnt we skip over it? Just then in came Collins; we read it together & he leaped for joy, saying, "I want to pay the postage of that letter!" Well done the Bostonian! Poor Phelps, we think they must be in a fearful state to write so carelessly. What did Mr E. do as to answering the letter, or didnt he answer it? Caroline was in town to day as usual. Anna Loring spent the day here, Warren called just as night. As Mrs Vinton has broken up housekeeping, he has been snugly settled for more than a week at Mr Grant's. Cor- liss says he is very regular. On Sunday morning I did not know what was going to befall me, for I could scarcely make an audible sound so stuffed up was I. I did not, of course, go out all day, nor did Caroline who had a cold also. Henry, Maria & I went to Weymouth in the afternoon found all well there. Edmund Loring came just after tea, & staid an hour or two. He is



was wonderfully better. Mr Colman valued the latter part of the evening.  
This morning (Monday 8th) I find myself, thanks to wash drops  
much better, but I shall not dare to go out till the time of  
meeting comes for fear of getting sick. I expect there will be  
a raging battle, on Wednesday next. Wendell & Collins have  
gone to Taunton to lecture. Thursday 10. My cold was so bad all  
day that I did not go out. Just as night Collins came & reported that  
on the whole the labours performed by him & Wendell had been  
blessed. Hopkins Emery opposed them at every step, first was un-  
willing his meeting house should be used, then that any attempts  
should be made to get money. Still Wendell & Collins persevered  
& the result was that Wendell had a very good audience, &  
the next day they went from house to house & collected \$50.  
This we call pretty well, as Taunton is a poor town. Johnson &  
Mr Hall, the agent of the Liberator also called in the evening. Yes-  
terday morning Collins called and asked me about his going to Wey-  
mouth. It is of the town meeting there to day & Wendell was to meet  
with them & lecture in the evening. The meeting is held at the  
Methodist meeting house. After we had packed the matter  
over a little Mr King came with letters & Collins determined  
to go out to W. with him. So I wrote a letter consigning him to  
Mrs Field & at 4 o'clock called & they started off together. I had  
a letter from Aunt Mary. She came from Loxbury Monday. is much  
better. This morning I called at the office. Johnson showed me  
a letter from W. C. Wright who is at Petersburg. He says that the  
course of the Ex. Com. at N. Y. is much censured by Goodell, Chaplin  
& specially by Calvin Stewart. They think the N. Y. folks ought to  
be deprived of a portion of their power & Calvin Stewart thanks  
that \$10,000 a year is as much as they ought to receive  
from all the states together. Birney has been writing to Gerrit  
trying to keep him tied to them. but say nothing of this last  
you may however use the opinion of the N. Y. folks to every  
body. Wendell came from Fall River this morning. He  
lectured last night and was very successful. We expect \$100  
from there. St. Clair has made it his business to abuse Birney  
at Fall River fairly fully. Duffee has threatened that he  
would not go to any other A. S. meeting till there was a  
new organization. Wendell has gone to Weymouth.

This afternoon comes our meeting!  
Thursday. Dear Deborah, As we had company last night I  
could not write before this evening. "We have lost all but our

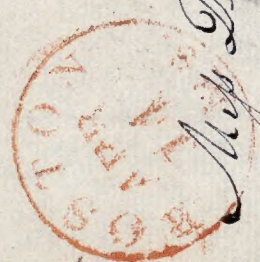


honour" or perhaps you may infer if you have seen the  
Liberator before you get this. The meeting was a thronged one. The  
hall No 2 was crowded & mostly with people whom we never  
put our eyes on before. We think that probably a great part  
of Fitch's & Towne's church were induced to join the Society  
for the or carion, aided by Mr Colver's. The first thing that was  
done Miss Ball moved that we pledge \$600 to the American A. S. Soc.  
& \$100 to the coloured infant school & \$100 to the Armenian  
Asylum. Maria moved to amend the Resolution so as to strike  
out all after the words "Resolved and insert that we pledge  
\$1000 to the A. S. Soc. to sustain the Rev John A. Colver as  
Gen Agent of the State and. A palaver by Miss Ball was then  
made in behalf of the ~~the~~ Armenian Asylum & Angelina Stone  
spoke for the coloured school upon which Mrs Southwick  
Charles amended Maria's amendment so as to add. That we  
would give the respective sums also to these for ~~the~~ the  
matter was then fully, or partially fully, at least debated  
the Men, Converse, J. Kennerly & Mrs Southwick speaking  
on ~~one~~ side of the question & the Balls, Lucy Parker, Cath-  
erine Sullivan, Lucinda Otis & the Goreds & Mrs Shipley  
the other. Maria spoke very well and did her duty fairly  
fully though there was various attempts to stop her by  
ones of "question" calling to order and Mary Parker inter-  
rupting many times. When the vote was taken it was very  
decidedly in their favour. Mr Johnson offered a motion that  
the Com. meet at N. Y. he made no guarantee with our  
the real state of the case, as to the money voted to the  
Mass Soc. when Stanton lectured. This was indefinitely postponed.  
Maria offered a Resolution approving of the doing of the  
Miss Ball at their Quarterly meeting. Indefinitely postponed  
or motion of Catherine Sullivan that off Lucy Parker had  
prevailing moved that we strike out the words "they then  
sent Executive Committee of the American. They then  
voted to send M. Parker, M. W. Ball. Mrs Johnson and Julia  
Williams to Phil'ia. Julia, let me remark was the only person  
that voted with the peckers among the coloured folks. The sub-  
stitutes were men voted among whom was Maria, though the  
recruits when the Board had raised, seemed vastly desirous



to put this down but finally thought they would not. After the meeting a few of us met out Maria's agreed what to do as you will see by the next Liberator. We do not feel at all discouraged by our defeat but rejoice that our Fair will at least show forth a pure communion. Dr Farnsworth and Garrison were here last evening. I have spent to day at Kennett's. I saw Phillips & Collins this morning. They had a very fine time at East Weymouth. Pa, Henry & Emma were over there in the evening and Collins and Wendell nearly agreed to stay at

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them the first chance. I gave it to you then I think it will be in the end. But if you see by the other letter even now so you will see by the letter I send my wish that you put in change.

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